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SUBJECT: LEATHER

REFS: (A) STATE 35218; (B) STATE 20836

1. EMBOFFS MET WITH KAWASAKI ON FEB 13 TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS ON MEASURES TO INCREASE U.S. EXPORTS OF LEATHER AND SHOES. HE TOLD US THAT MITI FAVORS INDUSTRY-INDUSTRY TALKS, BUT SEPARATE GOVERNMENT-LEVEL MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE FIRST, PREFERABLY IN WASHINGTON. ACCORDING TO KAWASAKI, MITI IS WILLING TO SEND AN OFFICIAL TO WASHINGTON FOR THAT PURPOSE, POSSIBLY IN MARCH, AND WILL LET US KNOW EXACTLY WHO AND WHEN ASAP.
2. TURNING TO OUR "PACKAGE PROPOSAL", KAWASAKI STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THE TROUBLE GOJ HAS IN TYING THE TARIFF AND QUOTA ISSUES TOGETHER. GOJ WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK ABOUT QUOTAS, BUT TARIFFS--IF DISCUSSED AT ALL--SHOULD BE HANDLED IN THE MTN. EXPRESSING HIS "PERSONAL OPINION", KAWASAKI SAID THAT JAPANESE WOULD FIND IT "VERY DIFFICULT" TO DEAL WITH TARIFFS AT ALL. TARIFF REDUCTIONS, HE FEARS, WOULD

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QUICKLY COME TO PUBLIC ATTENTION AND AROUSE SUCH STRONG OBJECTIONS FROM JAPANESE INTERESTS THAT IT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOJ TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS AT ALL.

3. WE RECEIVED LIST OF LEATHER IMPORTERS WHICH MITI OFFICIALS HAD OFFERED TO PROVIDE IN SIDE TALKS DURING STR STRAUSS VISIT. LIST OF LICENSE HOLDERS

IS IN JAPANESE AND EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE
INFORMATION ON IT TO U.S. EXPORTERS. COPY BEING
POUCHED TO EA/J FOR SIMILAR USE IN WASHINGTON.

4. OUR MEETING AT MITI WAS DELAYED BECAUSE
KAWASAKI WAS ILL.
MANSFIELD

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